

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Demands of various languages for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution are pending with the Government.

A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. The demands for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule will be considered in the light of the recommendations of the Committee and Government decision thereon.

NGOs in Jharkhand

†785. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs registered in Jharkhand;

(b) the amount of assistance being received by them from different sources;

(c) whether some of these organizations have been blacklisted on the allegation of misuse of amount of assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) State-wise list of Associations registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976 is available on MHA's website: www.mha.nic.in/fore. 533 Associations have been registered in Jharkhand under FC(R) Act, 1976 (Status as on 24.11.2006).

(b) The Annual Report for the year 2004-05 pertaining to receipt of foreign contribution received by FCRA registered Associations is available on MHA's website i.e. www.mha.nic.in.

(c) and (d) If any complaint relating to the violation of the provisions of the FC(R) Act, 1976 comes to the notice of the Government, appropriate action is taken under the Act. Such action includes placing the Associations in Prior Permission category or prohibiting it from receiving foreign

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contribution or prosecuting it in a court of law or freezing its bank accounts. For this purpose there is a Monitoring Unit set up in the Foreigners' Division in the Ministry of Home Affairs. List of Associations against which penal action has been taken for violation of various provisions of the Act, is available on MHA's website: www.mha.nic.in.

Multipurpose National Identity Cards

†786. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the scheme of issuing multipurpose national citizenship identity cards;

(b) whether it is a fact that under the pilot project of this scheme, 30 lakhs people have to be issued multipurpose identity cards, but even after lapse of two years from its time schedule, such cards have not been issued to them; and

(c) what action is going to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The Pilot Project on Multi-purpose National Identity Card (MNIC) has been under implementation in selected areas in 12 States and one union territory covering a population of 30.95 lakhs. The base line survey has been completed and citizens data base has been made ready. The verification of citizenship of 84% of the person in the pilot areas has been completed. 20 MNIC Centres have been setup with requisite man power, equipments and connectivity. The work of production and distribution of identity card has been awarded to Government Companies. As per time line agreed with them, the distribution of identity card will be completed by May 2007.

Identity cards will be issued to persons of age 18 years and above under the pilot project out of the total population of 30.95 lakhs. Their number is an estimated 19.14 lakhs. This is the first time that such a project has been undertaken in the country. Though the pilot project was initiated in November, 2003, its actual implementation has taken longer due to difficulties encountered at almost each and every stage of its

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